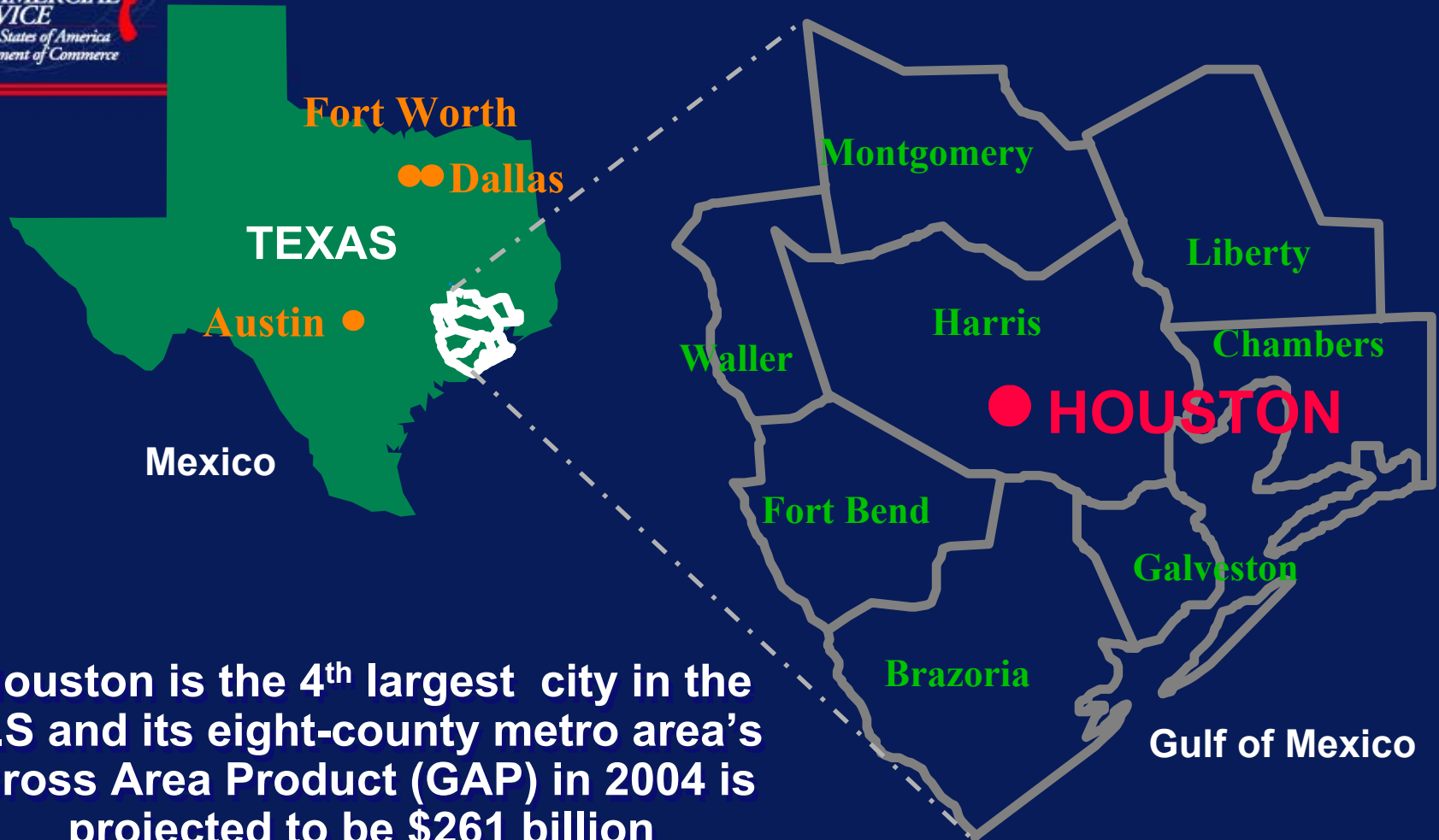




International Houston

Gross Area Product

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Houston is the 4th largest city in the U.S and its eight-county metro area's Gross Area Product (GAP) in 2004 is projected to be \$261 billion



Port of Houston Authority

The Port of Houston ranks first in the nation in foreign tonnage, second in total tonnage and sixth in the world in total tonnage. In 2003, Total Foreign Trade = \$49.9 billion



Nigeria, Western Africa and Houston

- Seaborne trade between Houston and the countries of West Africa totaled more than \$2.0 billion.
- In 2003, Nigeria was the top seaborne trade partner in the region accounting for 44.2 percent of Houston's seaborne trade with West Africa. Nigeria seaborne trade was valued at more than \$887 million and totaled 3.7 million tons..
- At least twenty-five Houston companies have subsidiaries in Nigeria including: Weatherford International Inc., Vetco Gray, Inc., Pride International, Noble Corporation, Landmark Graphics, Cooper Cameron Corporation, CAMAC Holdings and Diamond Products International.



Houston Airport System

**The Houston
Airport System is
the sixth largest
in the world**



Nigeria, Western Africa and Houston

- In 2003, air cargo trade between Houston and the countries of Western Africa totaled more than 5.6 million kilograms and was valued at more than \$174 million.
- Air cargo trade between Nigeria and Houston totaled more than 1.2 million kilograms and was valued at more than \$43.6 million in 2003.
 - Nigeria was the largest air cargo trading partner by value from the Western Africa region.
 - Industrial equipment and computers accounted for 71 percent of exports from Nigeria.
 - Imports from Nigeria consisted mainly of miscellaneous industrial components, equipment and parts.



Houston Airport System

- Ranks 8th in national passenger volume
- The 7th in international passenger volume
- 11th among U.S. Intl Cargo Gateways
- Daily, non-stop air service to 65 foreign destinations.

Source: Houston Airport System, 2004 (Figures Reflect 2003)



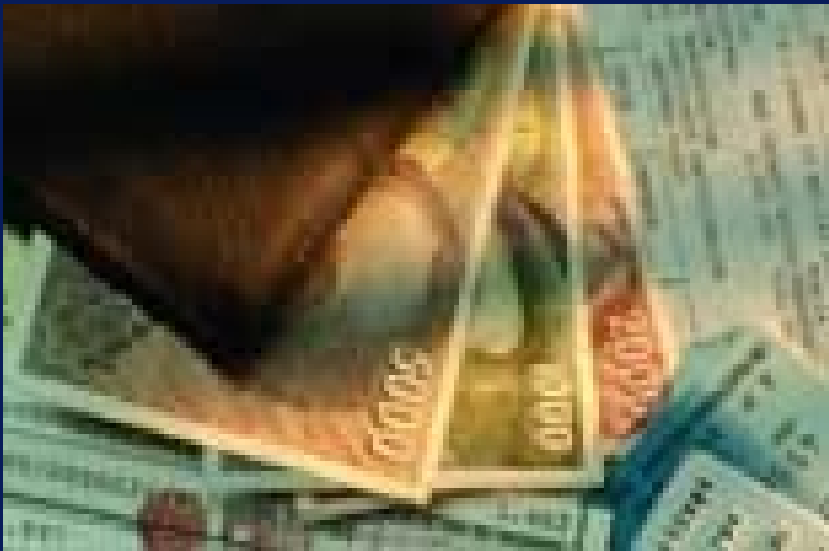
Energy Capital of the World!

The background of the lower half of the slide is a photograph of an oil pumpjack (jackal) in silhouette against a bright, orange-hued sunset or sunrise sky. The pumpjack is in the foreground, and its reflection is visible in the water or a wet surface. In the background, other industrial structures and a distant horizon are visible.

Houston is the U.S. oil & gas headquarters and a world center for virtually every segment of the industry.



An International Financial Center



Houston leads the Southwest with 19 foreign banks from ten nations

Texas Medical Center



The largest medical center in the world in terms of acreage, patient visits, and number of institutions.

Houston Companies



Houston is a major corporate center.

Numerous *Fortune* 500 companies, multinationals and domestic concerns maintain operations here.

- ConocoPhillips
- Marathon Oil
- Sysco
- Halliburton
- El Paso
- Plains All American Pipeline
- Reliant Resources
- Waste Management
- CenterPoint Energy
- Continental Airlines (in view)
- Kinder Morgan Energy
- Dynegy
- Baker Hughes
- Enterprise Products
- Anadarko Petroleum
- Group 1 Automotive
- Burlington Resources
- Apache
- Lyondell Chemical
- Smith International



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